

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application for reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,423,477. By this amendment, Applicants have amended the first sentence of the specification to recite domestic priority information, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2). Additionally, in an amendment physically incorporated into the reissue application specification, Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove the phrase "heating the photoresist film;" (that phrase is found at column 7, line 7).

Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found, *inter alia*, in the examples of column 4, line 65 through column 6, line 64 of the specification. More particularly, support can be found in the table in column 5, lines 13-23, describing the process parameters for example 1. None of those examples require heating the photoresist film after development but before additional exposure.

Early and favorable action on this reissue application are respectfully requested. If any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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